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### Notice.

To Whom It May Concern:

All stock running at large with-  
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after this date will be disclaimed  
and held at owner's cost and all  
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said owner. The public will  
please take notice and govern  
yourselves accordingly.

Dated March 28, 1917.  
By order of Lincolnville Sub-  
order No. 376, A. H. T. A.

H. W. Woodard,  
Pres.

Attest: A. K. Osborn, Sec.

### A Lively Contest

Baxter youngsters are eager to  
enlist in the garden contest start-  
ed by the Federation of the  
Women's Clubs. According to  
the number that have already  
entered in the contest a lively  
competition is promised for the  
young gardeners. Sixty one have  
already booked their names in  
the list of competitors.

Aside from the first and second  
prizes already announced in these  
columns the club is considering  
the proposition of awarding a  
grand sweepstake prize of five  
dollars for the best garden among  
the first prize winners. If carried  
out this will increase the expenses  
of the club to 41 dollars. Federa-  
tion is in favor of awarding such  
a prize provided it can afford to  
do so.

The gardens will be graded on  
the general plan, productiveness,  
artistic beauty, size, cleanliness,  
number of variety, blossoms in  
the flower beds and improvement  
over last year. The time for  
awarding the prizes has not been  
determined yet.

The names of the contestants  
already entered follows: Richard  
Lynch, Howard Lamb, Hazel  
Haley, Earl Brown, Hodgkins  
boys, Bettie Nelson, Rachael  
Schloeman, Parker boy, George  
Wauha, Sam VanDyne, Opal M.  
Mason, Mildred Earls, Clarice  
and Constance Wells, Hazel  
Carter, Phyllis Basch, John L.  
Clark, Virgil Lawson, Margaret  
Ludington, Opal and Pearl  
Dorothy, Terrence and Louise  
Connor, Kenneth and Basil  
Hooker, Lula Boyd, Belle Carter,  
Anna Cox, Etta Weaver, Irene  
Jennings, Maude and Matt  
Maholal, Henry and Graham  
Ball, Ray Berry, Edgar and  
Donald Branstetter, Harriet and  
Clarence Love, Chauncy Apple,  
Victor Allen, Paul Jones, Madella  
Schafer, Margaret Mary Reddy,  
Fred Hale, Robert Parham, Edna  
Wene, Dorothy Myler, Arthur  
Ferris, Ray Michener, Ire Upson,  
Sherley Harper, McCannut  
Goodner, Chester Boyd, Carleton  
Day, Kathleen Green, Roy Foul-  
ton, Galan Allison, Jesse Randall,  
Rosman Rathbone.

### Baxter Boosters

Last week was distinguished  
for its booster excursions in the  
mining district. On Wednesday  
the Joplin Commercial Club to the  
number of two hundred or more  
in sixty-four automobiles made  
the run to Miami and return,  
with Jung's band in the lead and  
all cars gorgeously decorated.  
The purpose of the trip was to  
get acquainted, see the country  
and invite the people along the  
line to come to Joplin to attend  
the Ozark Trail meeting that  
was held the following day.

Baxter accepted the invitation,  
it being the only town to do so.  
On Thursday a return booster  
excursion organized and managed  
by President McWilliams, of the  
Baxter Commercial club. The  
Baxter delegation comprised  
thirty or forty cars and the town  
made a good showing in Joplin  
and the excursion proved a good  
advertising stunt. Each Baxter-  
ite wore a badge bearing the  
words, "Bigger, Better Baxter  
Boosters."

Miss Nelle Weaver visited in  
Pittsburg over Sunday with Miss  
Margaret McClelland.

## NOW, ALL TOGETHER, WAGE WAR ON DIRT

Town Housecleaning Days Next  
Week—Women Organized  
for Campaign—Want  
no Pickers

A cleaner Baxter Springs is  
the promise of the detailed plan  
worked out by the Federation of  
Women's Clubs to be put into  
effect on April 2, 3 and 4.

"The cooperation of every  
family in town is necessary," said  
Mrs. E. G. Polster to the repres-  
entative of this paper, "if what  
we have started is to be a success.  
All are requested to rake their  
yards and the alleys, burn what  
they can and pile the ashes and  
the filth, that cannot be burned,  
where the teams can drive and  
take it away free of charge to the  
individual homes. The carting  
off will be done at the expense of  
the city."

It is necessary to do the raking  
and piling on Monday. This  
will insure the dirt being carried  
away at any time during the  
three days of the cleaning. This  
is one of the times when putting  
off does not pay. The raking  
must not be left for later than  
the first day of the campaign.  
This request is made because of  
the fact that it is hard to get  
teams and that there is so much  
carting to be done that it will be  
almost impossible for the teams  
to visit the same district at a  
later period than it is planned for  
them.

It is requested by the Federa-  
tion that as soon as the burning  
and piling is done the captain of  
each district should be notified.  
This will enable them to send in  
the teams at the right time.

The members of the club have  
worked hard to carry on their  
plan effectively. Practically  
every house in town has been  
canvassed and each has been re-  
quested to cooperate with the  
club. The Boy Scouts have al-  
ready promised their full support  
and they will clean the library  
park.

It was proposed at the meet-  
ing of the Federation on Tuesday  
afternoon that proper authorities  
be notified to clean the trash at  
the river bridge and keep it clean  
all the time. It was pointed out  
that that place is attractive and  
could be made beautiful, which  
will help leave a good impression  
on the strangers who come to  
Baxter along that road.

Mrs. Walter Apple and Mrs. R.  
C. Wear were appointed on the  
dumping committee. The cap-  
tains of each district will notify  
them when the dumping is ready  
and this committee will direct  
the teams accordingly.

### New Dray Line.

F. E. Burton and A. R. Weaver  
have started a dray and transfer  
business under the name of the  
Burton & Weaver Transfer Com-  
pany. Both gentlemen have  
lived in Baxter for several  
months now and are satisfied  
that the future growth will afford  
ample business in their line.  
They have bought new trucks  
and established an office and are  
prepared to do all sorts of haul-  
ing, from baggage and small  
freight deliveries to heavy truck-  
ing. The drilling business of  
this firm will be continued.

### New Store

O. L. McBride of Leavenworth,  
and C. H. Stemmons of Kansas  
City, Kas., are opening a shoe store  
and haberdashery in the Grantham  
building next to the Cozy  
Theatre. Mr. McBride, who has  
been in Baxter for several days,  
will have direct charge of the  
new store, in which will be car-  
ried a stock of shoes for men,  
women and children and furnish-  
ing goods for men.

### Unclaimed Letters

R-remaining in the postoffice at Baxter  
Springs, Kansas, for the week ending Mar.  
28, 1917.

W. A. Fisher  
Mr. Billie Gerlin  
Charles E. Ward  
Nellie N. N. N. N.  
Mr. Willie Morris  
Republic Mining Co.  
Persons calling for any of the  
above letters will please say "Adver-  
tised," giving date list.

Chas. L. Smith, P. M.  
Try the job printing depart-  
ment of The News. Prices are  
as low as any workmanship and  
material considered.

## WORK HAS BEGUN ON RAILROAD

Topeka Company Is Erecting  
Bridge Across the Spring  
River—Right-of-Way  
Matters Settled.

A. H. Rogers, president of the  
Southwest Missouri Interurban  
Railroad, and extensive owner of  
Baxter business property, was in  
the city Tuesday, his second trip  
here within a week attending to  
matters connected with the en-  
trance of his railroad into Baxter.  
Mr. Rogers had nothing for pub-  
lication but stated that his com-  
pany besides having let the con-  
tract for the bridges was pushing  
the right of way affairs with a  
view to having the extension  
from Galena completed at the  
earliest possible date. That the  
line will run through Woodlawn  
addition at the south end of  
Galena is now regarded as settled.

Actual construction work on  
the large steel railroad bridge  
over Spring river for the South-  
west Missouri Interurban railway  
was begun last Thursday, when  
a crew of men was put to work  
making excavations for the abut-  
ments and piers.

The Topeka Bridge company  
has the contract and the work  
will proceed under the super-  
vision of Charles Slusher, of  
Topeka, who is now on the  
ground.

The location of the bridge is  
about 75 feet north of the mouth  
of the creek.

The bridge will be a large one,  
consisting of eight fifty foot steel  
spans to connect the west bank  
with the island and ten more  
spans running from the island to  
the east bank of the river. Over  
the slough, some five hundred  
feet beyond, there will be a twin  
fifty foot span.

Twelve men were at work Mon-  
day excavating and getting other  
material ready, and by the time  
the job is well under way 75 to  
100 men will be employed. The  
plan is to finish the work in five  
or six months. Meanwhile it is  
reported other construction will  
proceed, such as the building of  
another bridge, grading the road  
and laying track; so that not  
long after the bridge is ready  
cars between Baxter and Joplin  
will begin to run. No statements  
have been made as to the inten-  
tion of the company, but it is  
the general supposition that its  
object is to connect with the  
mining field southwest of this  
city, and after having completed  
the construction work to this  
city, the building of an extension,  
possibly to Miami, will be taken  
up.

### Auto Accidents.

H. C. King, the Studebaker  
salesman for the local house of  
the Commerce Motor & Supply  
Co., was slightly injured in an ac-  
cident last Thursday while re-  
turning from Joplin on the Boos-  
ter excursion. He turned out to  
give way to a road hog and got  
into a ditch and in trying to get  
back into the road he struck a  
rock which turned the front  
wheels and snapped both of them  
off. He was driving a new Stud-  
ebaker and had a load of young  
people from the Freshman class  
of the High School. The occu-  
pants were thrown violently for-  
ward but Miss Nona McCrea was  
the only one injured besides Mr.  
King and she not seriously.

The company sent another new  
Studebaker out to tow in the  
crippled car and it, also, got into  
a smashup. At the scene of the  
first accident the second car had  
been run to the side of the road  
and stopped and the men were at  
work on the wreck when Charles  
Goodeagle came along with his  
car and smashed into the service  
car. The fronts of both cars  
were badly crumpled, but of  
course Charley was immune from  
injury.

Tuesday the Commerce Motor  
Company had a third new Stud-  
ebaker smashed. Claude Grazier,  
a mechanic for the company,  
was run into by a Ford which its  
driver was racing against another  
vehicle of the same denomination.  
The front of the Studebaker  
was injured considerably and the  
Ford which turned over three  
times, was a complete wreck. It  
was owned and driven by "Bus-

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er" Andrew, a mine operator of  
Joplin, who sustained a serious  
scalp wound. Other occupants  
of the Ford were not injured.

### Leader Changes Hands

W. E. Hiatt on Wednesday  
morning bought and became sole  
owner of the Leader Mercantile  
Company stock of general mer-  
chandise located in the Cooper  
building. Mr. Hiatt bought of  
L. A. Woody, of Weatherford,  
Okla., who only recently took  
over the stock. This store is one  
of the oldest establishments in  
Baxter, having been run for  
years up to the time of his death  
a little more than a year ago, by  
the late John M. Cooper. It will  
be a satisfaction to the public to  
know that the business has again  
passed into competent and per-  
manent hands and will be op-  
erated by a local man. Since it  
was sold by the Cooper estate,  
the store has been ably managed  
by Messrs Hiatt and C. E. Fer-  
guson, but it was owned by an  
Independence man who restricted  
the operations of the managers  
and they could not develop the  
business as it should have been.  
Mr. Hiatt will replenish the stock  
with new and seasonable goods  
and this popular and pioneer  
stand will again take its place  
as one of the leading stores of  
Cherokee county.

Alvin Newkirk, of Wichita,  
will be in Baxter about April 1,  
to make some improvements on  
his lots just east of the M. O. & G.  
depot. He will build one or two  
houses.

### Baxter Lady Chosen Delegate

Mrs. T. T. McAboy, of this  
city, was successful in the con-  
test for the office of supreme  
delegate from the third district  
of Kansas to the Supreme Grand  
Lodge meeting of the Royal  
Neighbors of America to be held  
at Buffalo on May 20. The dis-  
trict meeting of the order was  
held at Independence, March 20  
and 21. Mrs. McAboy entered  
the contest at the solicitation of  
Baxter friends and friends in  
other lodges in the district. She  
had little thought of winning at  
first but her friends got behind  
her and conducted a campaign  
that would have put any old  
style political convention of men  
to shame. When she went to  
Independence she was accompan-  
ied by Mrs. Jennie L. Brewster,  
Mrs. Di Chubb, Mrs. T. C. Meade  
and Miss Lottie Smith and from  
the time these ladies landed in  
Independence Mrs. McAboy's chance  
of election began to grow better  
until when the time came to  
ballot she was chosen by a large  
majority. The selection is a  
distinct honor to Mrs. McAboy  
and a fine recognition of the  
clever work of her backers. The  
trip will be particularly enjoyable  
to Mrs. McAboy, because it will  
take her back to her native state  
and give her the opportunity to  
visit relatives and friends whom  
she has not seen for several  
years.

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never boils." That's why a lot of folks keep a  
savings account.

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you have it in your pocket book. If it is where  
you can handle it and count it, it is like the watched  
pot. The sensible thing is to put it in a good bank  
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temptation to spend it removed. This bank invites  
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